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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of NAKAMURA, Tsuyoshi, IKEGAWA, Taeko, SAWANO, Atsushi, DOI, Kousuke, and KOHARA, Hidekatsu
NOVEL COPOLYMER, PHOTORESIST COMPOSITION, AND PROCESS FOR FORMING RESIST PATTERN WITH HIGH ASPECT RATIO
Assignee: TOKYO OHKA KOGYO CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q78034

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/901,657 (Confirmation No.7845) filed July 11, 2001 of NAKAMURA, Tsuyoshi, IKEGAWA, Taeko, SAWANO, Atsushi, DOI, Kousuke, and KOHARA, Hidekatsu entitled NOVEL COPOLYMER, PHOTORESIST COMPOSITION, AND PROCESS FOR FORMING RESIST PATTERN WITH HIGH ASPECT RATIO.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is 41 pages of the specification, including the claims and abstract, two (2) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration (four (4) pages) as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1752.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, application number 09/901,657, filed July 11, 2001, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2000-214451	July 14, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/901,657.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>12</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
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Base Fee								\$770.00

TOTAL FILING FEE								<u>\$770.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/901,657. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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